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SUBJECT: DAVIS NOMINATION

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1. AMBASSADOR BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR DAVIS NOMINATION WITH FONOFF USEC MIRGHANI MARCH 11. NOTING DAVIS HAD BEEN APPROVED PRECEDING DAY BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WAS NEVERTHELESS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS MAKE CLEAR FOR THE RECORD THAT, CONTRARY TO SOME SPEAKERS AT RECENT OAU MEETING, DAVIS HAD NEVER BEEN NOMINATED FOR ANY AMBASSADORIAL POST IN AFRICA NOR HAD ANY AFRWRAN GOVERNMENT BEEN SOUNDED OUT THEREON. MIRGHANI COMMENTED SOMEWHAT LAMELY THAT HE DID NOT THINK GOS HAD POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD ACTING SECRETARY HAD RECEIVED AFRICAN AMBASSADORS FEW DAYS AGO AND EMPHASIZED THAT THIS HAD BEEN AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INITIATIVE, SINCE I HAD SEEN CONTRARY REPORTS IN SUDANESE PRESS. MIRGHANI POOH-POOHED PRESS REPORTING. I CONCLUDED BY EMPHASIZING THAT, WITH DAVIS APPOINTMENT NOW APPARENTLY ASSURED, I NATURALLY HOPED THAT AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, AND FRIENDLY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, WOULD BE PREPARED WORK WITH HIM IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRIENDLY SPIRIT. MIRGHANI DID NOT DEMUR.

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2. COMMENT: MY OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT GOS HERE

WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY OAU ACTION TO WHICH IT HAS
SUBSCRIBED AS LOYAL MEMBER OF THE CLUB. AT NO TIME HAVE
SUDANESE EXPRESSED TO US ANY DIRECT CRITICISM OF DAVIS
APPOINTMENT.
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